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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) (i) Rupees 7,11,200.

(ii) A statement showing the amount spent districtwise is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) (i) Two hundred and eighty-four applicants applied for grant of house-sites in Vijayavada taluk in 1951–52.

(ii) Forty-one house-sites were granted.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 3,027 was spent in 1951–52."

Alleged bribery in cyclone-relief operations, Tanjore.

* 988 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether in connexion with the recent cyclone-relief operations undertaken by the Government in the district of Tanjore, complaints of bribery have been made against some village munsifs and karnams; and if so, their number and action taken on them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In fifteen cases complaints of bribery and corruption were made against village officers in connexion with cyclone-relief operations in the Tanjore district. In nine cases, the charges were not proved. Three cases are still under enquiry. In one case the karnam was removed from service. In two cases, the karnams were suspended one for a period of five months from 22nd December 1952 and the other for the period from 25th December 1952 to 21st March 1953."

House-rent allowance to Government servants in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 989 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places in Udayarpalayam taluk where the Government servants are paid house-rent allowance and the criterion for the payment of this allowance;

(*b*) whether Ariyalur comes within the purview of the places eligible for the grant of this allowance; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) For the purpose of grant of house-rent allowance, places in Madras State have been classified into three groups as indicated below :—

(1) Madras City and its suburbs form Group I;

(2) mufassal municipalities with a population of over 50,000 form Group II; and

(3) all other municipalities and taluk headquarters form Group III.

The amount of house-rent allowance admissible to Government servants varies from one group to another.

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